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SUBJECT: OPIC BILATERAL

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1. OPIC'S MEMORANDUM CONCERNING SUBROGATION RIGHTS (REFTEL) WAS DIRECTED TO DR. RICARDO CASTANEDA, UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MARCH 11. SINCE HE WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME, IT WAS ACTUALLY DELIVERED TO THE MINISTRY'S THIRD RANKING OFFICIAL, CARLOS CORDERO. CASTANEDA IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO EL SALVADOR UNTIL THE END OF APRIL. MANUEL GUTIERREZ, THE MINISTRY'S AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, TOLD THE EMBASSY IT WILL HAVE TO AWAIT HIS RETURN BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN IT. GUTIERREZ, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BILATERAL AND WHO ATTENDED THE FREEMAN/CASTANEDA MEETING, SAID HE VIEWED THE OPIC MEMORANDUM AS EXCELLENT, MEETING IN A CONCISE WAY ALL THE QUESTIONS WHICH HAD SURROUNDED THE BILATERAL'S CONTROVERSY. HE FORESEES AN EARLY RESUBMISSION OF THE BILATERAL TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AFTER CASTANEDA'S RETURN AND ANTICIPATES NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE WOULD NOT FORECAST AN APPROVAL DATE, BUT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS NEED NOT BE MORE THAN A MATTER OF WEEKS SINCE THE GOES COMMANDS A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.
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